# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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LAND UNDER KHARIF CULTIVATION
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) The area under kharif cultivation, product-wise;

(b) Whether the Government has taken a serious note of delayed monsoon showers in many parts of the country;

(c) If so, whether many affected States have raised concerns about kharif sowing in their States;

(d) If so, whether the Government has drawn any contingency plans to ease the problem; and

(e) If so, the details thereof? ANSWER

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): As per the reports received in the weekly meeting of the Crop Weather Watch Group (CWWG) held on 31st July, 2006 in the Ministry of Agriculture, the crop-wise area coverage in kharif 2006-07 is shown in the table below:

(Lakh Hectares)

| Crop | Area Coverage | Crop | Area Coverage |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rice | 192.64 | Urad | 16.85 |
| Jowar | 29.35 | Moong | 18.41 |
| Bajra | 54.01 | Total Pulses | 74.89 |
| Maize | 64.10 | Groundnut | 34.72 |
| Total CoarseCereals | 157.11 | Soyabean | 73.41 |
| Cotton | 80.39 | Sunflower | 6.47 |
| Sugarcane | 44.45 | Sesamum | 10.74 |
| Arhar | 27.54 | Total Oilseeds | 129.19 |

(b)&(c): The Government has taken note of delayed monsoon in some parts of the counry. In Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh the quantum of rainfall had been less than the normal, affecting the sowing of some crops.

(d)&(e): Contingency plan arising out of delayed monsoon has been developed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and made available on their website. Farmers have been advised to diversify the cropping system and go for alternate crops like sunflower, pearl millet, pigeon pea, cotton and sugarcane.